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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "EARTH SUMMIT JUNE 1992" STAMPS

STAMPS

1. On Friday, 22 May 1992, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the third set of commemorative stamps for 1992. The stamps commemorate the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 3 to 14 June 1992.

2. The three different designs of se-tenant blocks of four stamps are the fanciful creations of Peter Max, United States of America.

3. The stamps will be printed in sheets of 40 stamps in photogravure by Helio Courvoisier S.A., Switzerland, as follows:

Denominations:	29 cents	4 000 000
	F.s. 0,75	4 000 000
	S 5.50	4 000 000
Size:	33.4 mm x 28 mm	
Perforation:	11 1/4	

(United States equivalents: F.s. 0,75 - 55 cents, and S 5.50 - 52 cents, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets ONLY.

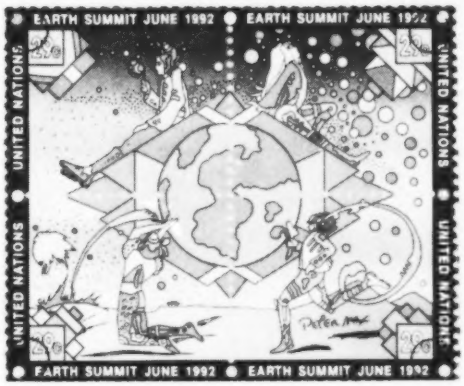
5. Owing to the unusual format of the sheets, collectors are advised that the following selling units are available:

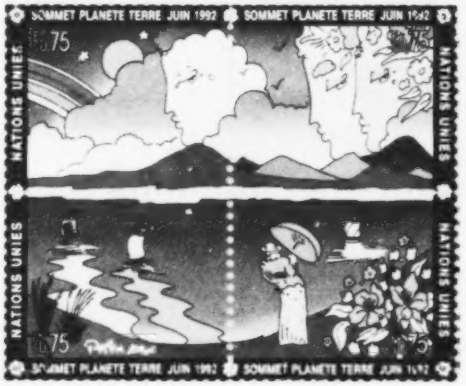
(a) Mint stamps:

Block of four:	One se-tenant block of four stamps
Block of eight:	Two se-tenant blocks (eight stamps) with MI (the block is vertical with one MI)
Half sheet:	Four se-tenant blocks (16 stamps) with two MIs (the half sheet will be horizontal)
Full sheet:	Ten se-tenant blocks (40 stamps)

(b) First day covers:

MI block:	One cover affixed with one MI se-tenant block of four
Combination:	One cover affixed with one se-tenant block of four without MI
Triple cancelled combination:	One jumbo cover affixed with one se-tenant block of four of each of the New York, Geneva and Vienna values





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6. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first day cancellations on Friday, 22 May 1992, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PHILATELIC SOUVENIR OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

7. To salute the Earth Summit, UNPA will release, on 3 June 1992, a special philatelic souvenir of the Conference.

8. In support of Earth Summit 1992, the noted American artist Robert Rauschenberg has created "Last Turn - Your Turn". Mr. Rauschenberg has kindly permitted UNPA to reproduce his painting on a jumbo cachet, and this cachet, affixed with a se-tenant block of four of each of the three denominations of the United Nations "Earth Summit June 1992" stamps, will be included in the souvenir pack. The stamps will be cancelled on the first day of issue, 22 May 1992, and a special Rio Conference cachet will be imprinted on each cover.

9. As his contribution to the Earth Summit and also as an expression of his support of the goals of the Conference, Peter Max has not only designed the "Earth Summit June 1992" stamps but has also created a special souvenir cachet for inclusion in the Philatelic Souvenir Pack. This souvenir cachet has the three denominations of the "Earth Summit June 1992" stamps affixed and cancelled on the first day of issue.

10. The sculpture "Paradise Regained" has been created by Edwina Sandys to commemorate the Earth Summit, and this work will be used as a cachet on a conference cover to be released by UNPA on 3 June. A se-tenant block of four of the 29-cent "Earth Summit June 1992" stamps will be affixed to each envelope and cancelled on 3 June 1992 with a specially designed pictorial cancellation. The Rio Conference cachet will also be imprinted on each cover.

11. To complete the Earth Summit philatelic souvenir pack, UNPA has produced its first ever conference card. The card, showing an illustration of the Rio skyline, will be affixed with the se-tenant block of four of the "Earth Summit June 1992" 29-cent stamps cancelled on 3 June 1992. The Rio Conference cachet will be imprinted on the front of the card, while the back of each card will carry a brief message from Maurice Strong, Secretary-General of the Conference. The message will be in English and Portuguese.

12. This special Earth Summit souvenir pack will be available from the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building at a cost of $15.25 each while supplies last.